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SUBJECT: COMMENT ON BARZEL' S RESIGNATION AS FLOOR LEADER

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1. THE FRAKTION VOTE ON UN ENTRY THAT LED TO BARZEL' S RESIGNATION (SEE REFTEL) WAS THE RESULT OF THE COALESCING OF SEVERAL ELEMENTS.

2. THERE IS FIRST OF ALL THE HONEST CONVICTION OF A NUMBER OF OPPOSITION BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE CSU, THAT THE ENTRY OF THE GDR INTO THE UN IS UNACCEPTABLE PARTICULARLY AS GDR READINESS TO KILL ITS CITIZENS RATHER THAN PERMIT THEM TO EMIGRATE REMAINS UNDIMINISHED. SECONDLY, A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES, CLEARLY ABETTED PRIVATELY BY STRAUSS, VOTED NOT SO MUCH AGAINST UN ENTRY AS AGAINST BARZEL HIMSELF. AND, THIRDLY, THE VOTE REVEALS ONCE AGAIN THAT WHEN THE CDU IS FORCED TO TAKE A DIFFICULT DECISION UNDER PRESSURE IT WILL BETRAY AN UNEXPECTED CONSERVATISM NO MATTER HOW STRONGLY PRACTICAL POLITICS MAY SEEM OTHERWISE TO DICTATE. THUS THE SLAP ADMINISTERED BARZEL CAN BE LIKENED

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TO THE SLAP GIVEN KOHL TWO YEARS AGO AT THE DUESSELDORF
CONVENTION.

IN SUM, STRAUSS AND DREGGER DO NOT CONTROL THE PARTY BUT WHEN
IT COMES TO AN EITHER- OR CONFRONTATION ON PRINCIPLE, THE LIBERAL
WING IS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THE MINORITY ONE.

3. THE CURRENT CONSERVATIVE LIBERAL BALANCE IN ATEs.
THE HAGUE: MINI DESK STUDY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ALSO
NEEDED FOR NETHERLANDS MARKET.
ADVISE STATUS DISCUSSIONS WITH BIJENKORF DEPT.
STORE RE SPRING '74 PROMOTION, INDICATING TENTATIVE DATES.
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